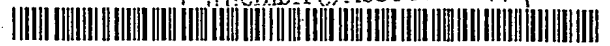


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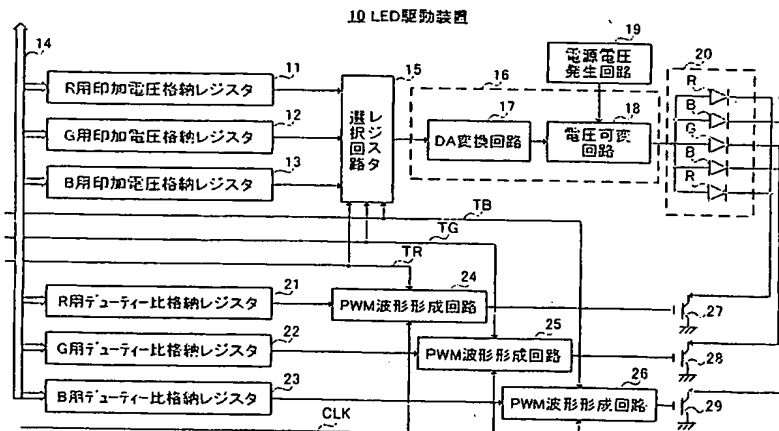
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(54) Title: LED DRIVE DEVICE AND LED DRIVE METHOD

(54) 発明の名称: LED駆動装置及びLED駆動方法



(57) Abstract: Drive voltage of LED of each color is stored in application voltage storage registers (11, 12, 13) so that each LED is driven by independent drive voltage, thereby reducing the current consumption. Moreover, the data in the application voltage storage registers (11, 12, 13) can be rewritten via a storage value setting bus (14). When the LED's actually mounted have individual irregularities in minimum light emitting voltage, the voltage stored in the application voltage storage registers (11, 12, 13) can be modified according to the irregularities.

(57) 要約: 各色LEDの駆動電圧を印加電圧格納レジスタ11、12、13に記憶させ、各色LEDを独立の駆動電圧で駆動することで、消費電流が低減される。また印加電圧格納レジスタ11、12、13のデータを格納値設定用バス14を介して書換え可能とし、実際に搭載されるLEDに個体差による最小発光電圧のばらつきがある場合に、これに応じて印加電圧格納レジスタ11、12、13に記憶させる電圧を適宜変更できるようにする。

- 10...LED DRIVE DEVICE
11...APPLICATION VOLTAGE STORAGE REGISTER FOR R
12...APPLICATION VOLTAGE STORAGE REGISTER FOR G
13...APPLICATION VOLTAGE STORAGE REGISTER FOR B
15...REGISTER SELECTION CIRCUIT
19...POWER SOURCE VOLTAGE GENERATION CIRCUIT
17...DA CONVERSION CIRCUIT
18...VOLTAGE VARYING CIRCUIT
21...DUTY RATIO STORAGE RATIO FOR R
22...DUTY RATIO STORAGE RATIO FOR G
23...DUTY RATIO STORAGE RATIO FOR B
24...PWM WAVEFORM FORMATION CIRCUIT
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This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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The search has revealed that the technical feature common to claims 1-16 is not novel.

Accordingly, there exists no common technical feature which can be considered as a special technical feature within the meaning of PCT Rule 13.2, second sentence.

Claims 2, 8 relate to use of a writable memory as application voltage storage means.

Claim 3 relates to a technical feature that an independent application voltage value is stored even for the LED of the same color.

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1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
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Claims 4-6, 14 relate to a technical feature that duty ratio storage means is provided.

Claim 7 relates to a technical feature that red LED's are dependently connected to one another.

Claims 9-12, 15, 16 relate to a feedback control using detection means.